

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (2:16–20)**

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark (8:34–9:1)**

At that time, when Jesus had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

**Saints Peter & Paul  
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Meriden, Connecticut

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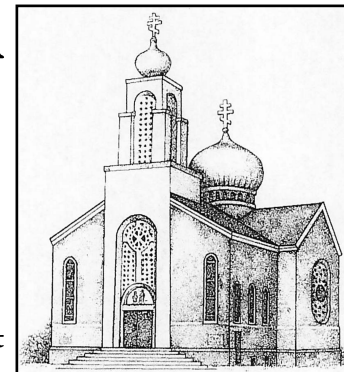
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15th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 6  
Sunday after the Elevation of the  
Cross  
September 17, 2023

Martyr Sophia, and her three daughters:  
Faith (Vera), Hope (Nadézhdá), and  
Love (Liubóv', Charity), at Rome (ca.  
137). Martyrs Theodota at Nicæa (ca.  
230). Martyr Agathocleia (ca. 230).

**Glory to Jesus Christ!**

We welcome everyone who has come to this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guest and newcomers.

Please feel free to follow along with a Divine Liturgy book from the table at the glass doors. For this Sunday and most of the year, we are using the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (at the beginning of the book).

Holy Communion is a solemn responsibility: Orthodox Christians who have prepared through Confession, prayer, and fasting may participate. At the end of the Liturgy, everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (called “antidoron,” this blessed bread is used in our prayers but is not itself a sacrament).

Afterward, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshment. We look forward to greeting you personally, and we are glad that you are here.

## Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to pray along with us, following our services online. Visit our website ([sspeterpaul.org](https://sspeterpaul.org)) for details.

Saturday, Sept. 16	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Sept. 17	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Scholarship Fund Benefit Luncheon	
Tuesday, Sept. 19	Beginning Online Study of the Gospel of St. Matthew—using Zoom	6:30 PM
	All are welcome: use the Zoom link found here: <a href="https://sspeterpaul.org/study">https://sspeterpaul.org/study</a> We are studying Matthew chapters 1–4.	
Wednesdays	Morning Prayer	8:15 AM
Saturday, Sept. 23	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Sept. 24	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Stewardship Presentation during Coffee Hour	
Sunday, Sept. 24	Deadline for Comments on Cemetery Bylaws	
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Study of the Gospel of St. Matthew	6:30 PM
Sunday, Oct. 1	FORCC Benefit Dinner	12:30 PM
	St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church, 504 Sport Hill Rd, Easton. The Guest Speaker is Dr. Phillip Mamalakis, a professor at Holy Cross Theological Seminary, and author of the excellent book, <i>Parenting toward the King: Orthodox Principles of Child-Rearing</i> . Save the date for this celebration of 30 years of promoting Orthodox unity in Connecticut. Please join us for the banquet \$45 for adults, if purchased by Sept. 20 (\$50 after). \$10 for children under 12.	
Saturday, Oct. 14	Brotherhood Winter Clothing Drive	2–4 PM

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: [priest@sspeterpaul.org](mailto:priest@sspeterpaul.org) or 203-237-4539.

If you would like to commemorate loved ones by lighting the cross in church, please contact Alexia Tassmer: 203-284-0856.

The cross is decorated for veneration in honor of **Dave and Irene Zavednak** for their 46th wedding anniversary. Many years! And also in memory of **Valentina Woliver** for what would have been her 98th Birthday. Memory eternal!

## We Ask Your Prayers

**Many years to all those who have as their heavenly patron St. John the Forerunner** (Sept. 23) **or the Virgin Martyr Raisa of Alexandria** (Sept. 23).

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Tommy Craig (Sept. 17). Mihaela Alecsandru and Maria Alecsandru (Sept. 20). Richard Comshaw, and Richard Trey Comshaw (Sept. 21).

**Many years to all those celebrating anniversaries:** David & Irene Zavednak on Sept 17. Amy & Matthew Stankiewicz on Sept. 20.

### For the Sick & Suffering:

Mka. Evelyn (Kreta)—broke her wrist, needing additional surgery  
Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident  
William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis

Steven (Cardillo)—local Neighborhood Association organizer

Starr (Sarrazin)—friend of Robin Levesque

Gregory (Mankevich)

Christopher (Sullivan)

Anita (Propheter)

Rosemary (Delaney)

Douglas (Hodges)

Irene

Lorraine

Jacob

Valerie

Juliana

Katelyn

Crystal

Donald

Angela

Innocent

Bruce and Stacia

Cyprian and Dana

Nicole and Naaman

Helen and Helene

### For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho)

Jennie (Padick)

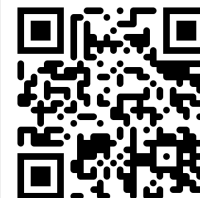
Margaret (Savchik)

Ann (Kreshik)

Helen (Olsen)

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**KEEP OUR COMMUNITY WARM THIS WINTER**



**DONATE WINTER CLOTHING!**

# **SS. Peter & Paul Brotherhood Clothing Drive**

**Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> 10 AM – 2 PM**

**(Rain Date October 21<sup>st</sup>)**

**Where – Front Steps of SS. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church  
54 Park Ave., Meriden CT**

***Gently Worn and Clean Items Only  
to be collected October 8<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>***

## Hymns of the Day

### **Tone 6 Troparion** (*Resurrection*)

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men.

Mary stood by Your grave,  
seeking Your most pure body.  
You captured hell, not being tempted by it.  
You came to the Virgin, granting life.  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, //  
glory to You.

### **Tone 1 Troparion** (*Cross*)

O Lord, save Your people,  
and bless Your inheritance!  
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries;  
and by virtue of Your Cross, //  
preserve Your habitation!

### **Tone 4 Troparion** (*Apostles Peter and Paul*)

O first-enthroned of the Apostles,  
teachers of the universe:  
entreat the Master of all  
to grant peace to the world, //  
and to our souls great mercy!

### **Tone 5 Troparion** (*Martyrs*)

You blossomed in the courts of the Lord  
as a fruitful olive tree,  
O holy martyr Sophia;  
in your contest you offered to Christ the sweet fruit of your womb,  
your daughters Faith, Hope, and Love. //  
Together with them intercede for us all!

### **Tone 6 Kontakion** (*Resurrection*)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,  
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,  
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //  
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

### **Tone 2 Kontakion** (*Apostles Peter and Paul*)

O Lord, You have taken up to eternal rest  
and to the enjoyment of Your blessings  
the two divinely inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles,  
for You have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling  
sacrifice, //  
for You alone know what lies in the hearts of men.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

### **Tone 4 Kontakion** (*Martyrs*)

The holy branches of noble Sophia,  
Faith, Hope, and Love,  
confounded Greek sophistry through Grace.  
They struggled and won the victory //  
and have been granted an incorruptible crown by Christ the Master of all.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **Tone 6 Kontakion** (*Cross*)

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,  
grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; make all  
Orthodox Christians glad by Your power,  
granting them victories over their adversaries //  
by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

### **Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone** (*After Elevation*)

Extol the Lord our God: / worship at His footstool for He is holy! (Ps. 98:5)

*Verse:* The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps. 98:1a)

### **Before the Gospel, the Alleluia**

*Verse:* Remember Your congregation, which You have gotten of old!  
(Ps. 73:2)

*Verse:* God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the  
midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)  
The light of Your countenance has shone on us, O Lord. (Ps. 4:7)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!